

BILL NO. 87-39

COUNTY COUNCIL
OF
HARFORD COUNTY, MARYLAND

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Introduced by Council Members Fielder and Hooper

Legislative Day No. 87-25 Date September 1, 1987

AN ACT to add new Article I, heading, Address/House Numbers, to new Chapter 84, heading, Buildings, General, to the Harford County Code, as amended; to require an owner of improved real property to display numerals or letters indicating the property's address; to establish an enforcement process and fines for violations of this requirement; to provide a method for collecting these fines; and generally relating to the display of property addresses.

By the Council, September 1, 1987

Introduced, read first time, ordered posted and public hearing scheduled

on: October 6, 1987

at: 6:30 P.M.

By Order: Doris Poulsen, Secretary

PUBLIC HEARING

Having been posted and notice of time and place of hearing and title of Bill having been published according to the Charter, a public hearing was held

on October 6, 1987

and concluded on October 6, 1987

Doris Poulsen, Secretary

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.
[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law. Underlining indicates language added to Bill by amendment. Language lined through indicates matter stricken out of Bill by amendment.

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1 WHEREAS, Many homes in Harford County do not have their
2 house numbers displayed; and

3 WHEREAS, Ambulance, fire and police vehicles are often
4 delayed by the absence of house numbers when responding to calls;
5 and

6 WHEREAS, In an emergency situation this delay could result
7 in damage to private and public property, danger to public
8 safety, and even the loss of human life; and

9 WHEREAS, The County Council of Harford County hereby finds
10 that it is necessary to require the display of house numbers in
11 order to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens
12 of Harford County;

13 NOW, THEREFORE,

14 Section 1. Be It Enacted By The County Council of Harford
15 County, Maryland, that new Article I, heading, Address/House
16 Numbers, be and is hereby added to new Chapter 84, heading,
17 Buildings, General, of the Harford County Code, as amended, all
18 to read as follows:

19 CHAPTER 84. BUILDING, GENERAL.

20 ARTICLE I. ADDRESS/HOUSE NUMBERS.

21 SECTION 84-1. ADDRESS NUMBERS ON IMPROVED PROPERTY.

22 A. IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS
23 INDICATED.

24 (1) "COUNTY REPRESENTATIVE" MEANS:

25 (a) ANY MEMBER OF THE HARFORD COUNTY SHERIFF'S
26 DEPARTMENT; OR

27 (b) ANY SUPERVISORY EMPLOYEE OF:

28 (i) THE DEPARTMENT OF INSPECTIONS,
29 LICENSES, AND PERMITS;

30 (ii) THE DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND ZONING;

31 (iii) THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS; OR

32 (iv) THE DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY

1 COMMUNICATIONS.

2 (2) "OWNER" MEANS THE INDIVIDUAL, PARTNERSHIP, FIRM,
3 ASSOCIATION, CORPORATION, OR OTHER ENTITY WHOSE NAME APPEARS ON
4 THE TAX RECORDS OF THE COUNTY FOR ANY PROPERTY SUBJECT TO THE
5 PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION.

6 B. (1) AN OWNER OF IMPROVED REAL PROPERTY SHALL DISPLAY
7 NUMERALS OR LETTERS INDICATING THE ADDRESS ASSIGNED TO THE
8 PROPERTY.

9 (2) THE NUMERALS OR LETTERS SHALL BE POSTED ON OR
10 ABOUT THE PROPERTY AND SHALL BE CLEARLY VISIBLE FROM THE ROADWAY
11 NAMED IN THE ADDRESS OF THE PROPERTY.

12 C. (1) A COUNTY REPRESENTATIVE WHO OBSERVES A VIOLATION
13 OF THIS SECTION MAY ISSUE A WRITTEN WARNING TO THE OWNER OF THE
14 PROPERTY INVOLVED.

15 (2) THE WARNING SHALL BE ISSUED BY CERTIFIED MAIL AND
16 NOTIFY THE OWNER:

17 (a) OF THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS SECTION;
18 (b) HOW TO COMPLY WITH THE REQUIREMENTS; AND
19 (c) THAT FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THE WARNING
20 WITHIN FIFTEEN (15) DAYS CONSTITUTES A VIOLATION OF THIS SECTION
21 THAT IS PUNISHABLE BY A FINE NOT EXCEEDING ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS
22 (\$100.00).

23 (3) THE WARNING SHALL BE ON A STANDARD FORM DEVELOPED
24 BY THE DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS.

25 D. (1) AN OWNER WHO FAILS TO COMPLY WITH A WARNING ISSUED
26 UNDER SUBSECTION C OF THIS SECTION IS IN VIOLATION OF THIS
27 SECTION, AND IS SUBJECT TO A CIVIL PENALTY NOT EXCEEDING:

28 (a) TWENTY-FIVE DOLLARS (\$25.00) FOR A FIRST
29 OFFENSE;

30 (b) FIFTY DOLLARS (\$50.00) FOR A SECOND OFFENSE;
31 AND

32 (c) ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00) FOR EACH

1 SUBSEQUENT OFFENSE.

2 (2) THE HARFORD COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT SHALL
3 ENFORCE THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION.

4 (3) THE COUNTY MAY COLLECT ANY FINES IMPOSED UNDER
5 THIS SECTION BY COMMENCING A CIVIL ACTION IN THE DISTRICT COURT
6 FOR HARFORD COUNTY.

7 Section 2. And Be It Further Enacted that this Act shall take
8 effect sixty (60) calendar days from the date it becomes law.

9 EFFECTIVE: December 7, 1987

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11 *The Secretary of the Council does hereby*
12 *certify that fifteen (15) copies of this Bill*
are immediately available for distribution to
the public and the press.

13 *Doris Poulsen*, Secretary
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BY THE COUNCIL

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Read the third time.

Passed LSD 87-28 (October 6, 1987)

Failed of Passage _____

By Order

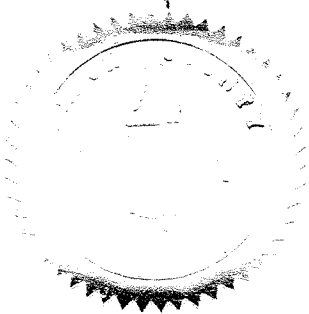
Doris Poulsen, Secretary

Sealed with the County Seal and presented to the County Executive
for his approval this 7th day of October, 1987
at 3:00 o'clock P.M.

Doris Poulsen, Secretary

BY THE EXECUTIVE

APPROVED:

[Signature]
County ExecutiveDate 10-7-87

BY THE COUNCIL

This Bill (No. 87-39), having been approved by the Executive
and returned to the Council, becomes law on October 7, 1987.

Doris Poulsen, Secretary

EFFECTIVE DATE: December 7, 1987